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PROP. 39 PRO BONO REVIEW PROGRAM - FAQ

Q: What is the Pro Bono Review Program?

A: The Pro Bono Review Program was created by CCSA to provide legal support to CCSA member schools that are seeking facilities arrangements under Proposition 39 ("Prop. 39"). Prop. 39, passed by California voters in 2000, requires school districts to make reasonably equivalent school facilities available to charter schools.

Q: What services are provided through the Pro Bono Review Program?

A: The Program provides payment up to \$1,250 to CCSA's designated law firms (Young Minney & Corr or Procopio) for tailored legal services to registered member schools for review and advice on Prop. 39 correspondence, up to the school's May 1st letter in response to the final offer of space.

Q: How will schools know when the initial \$1,250 of support has been reached?

A: A member school's designated law firm will track their time for work representing the school, and will invoice CCSA until the \$1,250 limit has been met. We advise schools to reach out directly to the law firm to monitor progress toward the limit. Law firms will invoice schools directly for services exceeding \$1,250, at a reduced rate of \$200/hour for 5 hours. Additional service beyond these amounts will be provided at each firm's normal billable rates.

Q: How can participating schools maximize their benefit under the Pro Bono Review Program at minimum expense?

A: We strongly recommend that charter schools register by October 18, 2019, and have legal counsel review the initial Prop. 39 requests. We also encourage schools to consider the most effective approach to engaging legal counsel through the Program. For example, some schools might want to strategize with their legal counsel in advance of collecting intent-to-enroll forms and completing their request. Other schools might require additional assistance responding to school district ADA projection challenges, and others might require more assistance preparing responses to preliminary or final offers. We anticipate that advance planning with your Pro Bono Review Program attorney will allow you to maximize the benefit CCSA provides.



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Q: What if I exceed the limit and still need legal assistance to secure a Prop. 39 offer?

A: CCSA member schools that participate in the Pro Bono Review Program may also be eligible for assistance through CCSA's Charter Schools Legal Defense Fund (CSLDF), by participating in the Dispute Resolution Program, or applying for a loan or grant. These opportunities are based upon funding availability and recommendation from the school's Pro Bono Review Program attorney. For additional information regarding these options, please contact Legal@CCSA.org.

Q: What is required of my school to establish eligibility for this \$1,250 benefit?

A: Your school needs to be a current member of CCSA, and needs to agree in advance to provide CCSA with the following documents:

1. The Prop. 39 request(s) you submit to the district on or before November 1st.
2. The district's response to your November 1st request.
3. The district's preliminary offer of space.
4. The district's final offer of space.
5. The final facilities use agreement entered into by your school and the district.

Q: How do I enroll in the Pro Bono Review Program?

A: In order to enroll in the Program, please email us at CCSAProp39@ccsa.org on or before October 18, 2019.

Q: Is there a maximum number of schools that can enroll in the Pro Bono Review Program?

A: Yes. A maximum of 130 schools will receive support under the Program. CCSA will register the first 130 member schools that contact us via email on or before October 18, 2019. We will not be able to support any additional schools once the Prop. 39 cycle commences on November 1st.

Q: What other Prop. 39 resources does CCSA provide?

A: CCSA works with Young, Minney & Corr to provide a Prop. 39 request templates, intent to enroll forms, and instructions for both documents that are updated every year. We also provide updated template documents that schools can use at each stage of the Prop. 39 process to correspond with school districts. Please contact us at CCSAProp39@ccsa.org to learn more about how you can obtain these and other Prop. 39 resources.

Q: Who can I contact for assistance with the Pro Bono Review Program?

A: Please email us at CCSAProp39@ccsa.org.